

SOME QUEER TRAVELERS.

A Terrier and a Black Cat Who Know a Thing or Two.

An engineer employed on the works of the Yverdon & St. Imier railway has a little terrier. As he was going away for some time, relates a correspondent of the London Spectator, he asked a friend at Yverdon to take charge of his dog. Bijou knew the lady well, and was apparently quite happy and comfortable, but in about a week disappeared. Mlle. J. naturally was much distressed, when, to her great relief, she received a letter from Lausanne, from Mr. R.'s mother, saying: "Bijou is with us; he appeared on Monday."

He remained at Lausanne a few days and then returned to Yverdon by train. This he repeated several times, always getting out at the right station, staying with Mme. R. occasionally three days. Needless to say all the officials on the line knew him well. Whether he imagined he would find his master



BONNIVARD OPENS THE DOOR.

at his mother's house or whether, like all the rest of the world, he wanted a change, as he could not tell us, I cannot say.

My next story is of a cat, a black cat called Bonnard, who lives at Montreux. He has learned how to open the door. Your readers know, no doubt, that the Swiss door handles are different from ours, going up and down. Bonnard found by jumping on the handles he could open the door. There is also in this house a gray cat, who is a great friend of his. One day Peter was outside and moved to come in. His mistress was busy writing and took no notice. Peter became more urgent. Bonnard, who was asleep on a chair, raised his head and listened, and seeing Peter's wants still unattended to, he got up, walked across the room, opened the door and admitted his friend. I have heard that black cats are the most intelligent and tortoise-shell cats the most amiable of the cat tribe. I wonder if there is any ground for this belief?

A MARINE PARADOX.

Eighty Ships That Perish and Small Boats That Survive.

Many of you have stood on the beach at the seaside, and watched the sea rolling in heavy breakers after a storm, surging and crashing into volumes of foam and broken water, with such force as to send them sweeping up almost to your feet. It is through such waves that men who follow the sea must at times pass in reaching the shore; but not through one or two on a smooth, gentle-sloping beach, but through thirty or forty, perhaps, covering a mile of treacherous shoals, and at places yawning between jagged reefs and huge boulders.

With intense interest we read of dreadful shipwrecks almost every week. The survivors tell how the big ship labored and struggled through monster billows and shrieking wind, under black flying clouds and amid jagged streaks of lightning, until, mastless and helpless, she lay exhausted in the trough of the sea, and passively received the crashing deluge of merciless waves until she sank. They tell how they, poor puny human beings, clung to helm and pumps till the great ship's struggles were over, and it became evident that

she could carry them no longer; then how they hastily threw a cork of water and a few provisions into some remaining boat, and at a favorable moment launched upon the angry waters in a raft so frail that it seemed as if all on board were doomed to instant destruction.

Here always comes the strangest part of their narrative. Read all such accounts carefully, and you will find that in nearly every case where such a little boat is safely launched from an abandoned ship, it floats and drifts for days, and even weeks, on the open ocean, living through the dreadful tempest which wrecked the big ship, and buoyantly through calmer seas, and finally bringing the survivors within sight of other ships or lands.—John M. Elliott, in St. Nicholas.

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